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House Bill 465
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Resort Complex License

This bill establishes a resort complex license in Harford County. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue one resort complex license to the person owning, leasing, or operating a resort complex. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor from specified locations. A license holder may serve alcoholic beverages at specified times depending on the location. A resort complex license is exempt from any quota or restriction on off-sale licenses issued for the election district in which the resort complex is located. Areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the portion of the property that is considered to be the licensed premises. A person other than the resort complex license holder may obtain a different class of license for an area excluded. A resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to alcohol awareness training requirements, as specified. The initial license fee is \$3,500. Beginning May 1, 2023, the annual license fee is \$4,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase from fees associated with the resort complex license. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: “Resort complex” means a parcel or contiguous parcels of land of at least 10 acres; under common ownership; and with facilities that (1) include lodging, conference spaces, meeting spaces, active outdoor open spaces, waterfront beach activities, or a marina; (2) serve the public; and (3) resulted in a capital investment of at least \$500,000 exclusive of the cost of land.

Local Fiscal Effect: For each resort complex license issued under the bill, Harford County revenues increase by \$3,500 for each initial license fee and \$4,000 for each annual license fee. The board advises that currently there is one business in Harford County that is eligible for the license under the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1272 of 2020 passed the House with amendments and was referred to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Designated Cross File: SB 482 (Senator Cassilly, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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